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**DCR SETS PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR HORSENECK BEACH STATE RESERVATION
AND DEMAREST LLOYD STATE PARK**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on November 12 to discuss development of a Resource Management Plan for Horseneck Beach State Reservation in Westport and Demarest Lloyd State Park in Dartmouth. The plan will guide the future stewardship of these properties, focusing especially on balancing recreational uses with the protection of natural and cultural resources.

The public meeting will be Thursday, November 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Fall River Heritage State Park, 200 Davol Street in Fall River. Participants at the meeting will be invited to share their ideas about the future management of these facilities related to recreation and stewardship of resources.

“Our goal at DCR is to provide recreation opportunities at these two beautiful sites while protecting the natural and cultural resources for future generations,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “We encourage and look forward to public input as we move forward with the Resource Management Plan.”

Horseneck Beach is one of DCR’s most popular reservations, and the beach facilities have been the focus of recent capital improvements. Demarest Lloyd State Park is a more hidden jewel of the DCR park system, offering beach and picnic amenities in a quiet setting.

Under the Patrick Administration, DCR is accelerating the Resource Management Plan (RMP) process for all agency properties. DCR has evaluated individual parks across the Commonwealth and prioritized them based on their natural and cultural resources, management issues, and the ways they are used. Some parks, such as Horseneck Beach and Demarest Lloyd, were grouped together based on their location, resources, and uses.

The RMP for Horseneck Beach and Demarest Lloyd will serve as the pilot for a more streamlined RMP process.

For more information on the public process for this RMP, visit

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